

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, who was introduced by Representative Clay, and Katherine Andrea Lemos, of California, to be Chairperson and Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Steven J. Menashi, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Karen Spencer Marston, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, who was introduced by Senators Casey and Toomey, Richard Earnest Myers II, to be United States District Judge for the

Eastern District of North Carolina, who was introduced by Senator Burr, and Anuraag Singhal, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, who was introduced by Senator Rick Scott, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## MAKING OUR PATENT SYSTEM STRONGER

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine innovation in America, focusing on how Congress can make our patent system stronger, after receiving testimony from Tom Cotter, University of Minnesota School of Law, Minneapolis; Bradley N. Ditty, Inter-Digital Holdings, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; Dan Lang, Cisco Systems, San Francisco, California; Adam Mossoff, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, Arlington, Virginia; Josh Landau, Computer and Communications Industry Association, Washington, D.C.; and Earl Bright II, ExploraMed, Mountain View, California.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 4279–4294; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 60–61; and H. Res. 552 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3691, to require the TSA to develop a plan to ensure that TSA material disseminated in major airports can be better understood by more people accessing such airports, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–201); and

H.R. 335, to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–202, Part 1).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Torres to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Protecting and Securing Florida's Coastline Act of 2019:** The House passed H.R. 205, to amend the

Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to permanently extend the moratorium on leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico, by a yea-and-nay vote of 248 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 521.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–29, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–200, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.

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Agreed to:

Crist amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–200) that codifies the Well Control Rule and the Production Safety Systems Rule in their original forms; and

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Barragán amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–200) that contracts the study entitled “Review and Update of Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement Offshore Oil and Gas Operations Inspection Program” to the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

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Rejected:

Gosar amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–200), as modified, that sought to allow the bill to go into effect when DOI, in consultation

with USFWS, certifies that the offshore energy moratorium in the bill will not kill a substantial number of minority and women jobs (by a recorded vote of 182 yeas to 251 nays, Roll No. 520).

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H. Res. 548, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 205), (H.R. 1146), and (H.R. 1941) was agreed to yesterday, September 10th.

**Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act:** The House passed H.R. 1941, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior including in any leasing program certain planning areas, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 238 yeas to 139 nays, Roll No. 525.

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Rejected the Graves (LA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 194 yeas to 233 nays, Roll No. 524.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–31, modified by the amendment printed in part E of H. Rept. 116–200, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.

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Agreed to:

Lesko amendment (No. 3 printed in part F of H. Rept. 116–200) that requires the Department of the Interior, in consultation with the Department of Defense, to confirm that this legislation poses no national security risk due to potential increases in dependence on foreign oil;

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Langevin amendment (No. 4 printed in part F of H. Rept. 116–200) that requires a GAO study on the impacts of offshore drilling on coastal communities and coastal economies;

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Rouda amendment (No. 5 printed in part F of H. Rept. 116–200) that adds a provision to the bill that would direct the Department of the Interior to make the information from the inspections and payments made into the ‘Ocean Energy Safety Fund’ required by the bill available to the public, including information related to the operators, facilities, amounts paid into the fund, and inspection results;

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Levin (MI) amendment (No. 6 printed in part F of H. Rept. 116–200) that establishes a moratorium on oil, gas, and methane hydrate-related seismic activities in the Atlantic Ocean; and

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Rouda amendment (No. 8 printed in part F of H. Rept. 116–200) that adds a provision to the bill that would require the Department of Commerce to complete an economic impact study/assessment of potential damage related to offshore oil drilling—including

ing tourism, commercial fishing, recreational fishing, boating, transportation, and other waterfront-related and coastal-related business.

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Rejected:

McClintock amendment (No. 1 printed in part F of H. Rept. 116–200) that sought to allow (but does not mandate) the Pacific OCS planning area to be included in a future five-year leasing plan under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act;

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Gosar amendment (No. 2 printed in part F of H. Rept. 116–200) that sought to change the name of the bill to the Russian Energy Reliance and U.S. Poverty Act (by a recorded vote of 161 yeas to 272 nays, Roll No. 522); and

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Gosar amendment (No. 7 printed in part F of H. Rept. 116–200) that sought to allow the bill to go into effect when DOI, in consultation with DOL, certifies that the offshore energy moratorium in the bill will not kill a substantial number of minority and women jobs (by a recorded vote of 179 yeas to 252 nays, Roll No. 523).

**Pages H7621–22, H7635–36**

H. Res. 548, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 205), (H.R. 1146), and (H.R. 1941) was agreed to yesterday, September 10th.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, September 12th.

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**Consensus Calendar:** Representative Carolyn B. Maloney (NY) presented to the clerk a motion to place on the Consensus Calendar the bill H.R. 1980, to establish in the Smithsonian Institution a comprehensive women’s history museum, it having accumulated 290 cosponsors.

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**Senate Referrals:** S. 1881 was held at the desk. S. 2035 was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7606.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7633, H7634, H7635, H7635–36, H7637–38, and H7638. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **THE IMPORTANCE OF TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES IN EDUCATION TO ASSIST STUDENTS IMPACTED BY GUN VIOLENCE AND OTHER ADVERSITIES**

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “The Importance of Trauma-Informed Practices in Education to Assist Students Impacted by Gun Violence and Other Adversities”. Testimony was heard from Nadine Burke Harris, M.D., Surgeon General, California; Ingrida Barker, Associate Superintendent, McDowell County Schools, Welch, West Virginia; Joy Hofmeister, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Oklahoma Department of Education; and Janice K. Jackson, Chief Executive Officer, Chicago Public Schools.

### **PROTECTING AND SECURING CHEMICAL FACILITIES FROM TERRORIST ATTACKS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change held a hearing on “Protecting and Securing Chemical Facilities from Terrorist Attacks”. Testimony was heard from David Wulf, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### **LEGISLATING TO CONNECT AMERICA: IMPROVING THE NATION'S BROADBAND MAPS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Legislating to Connect America: Improving the Nation's Broadband Maps”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **EXAMINING PRIVATE MARKET EXEMPTIONS AS A BARRIER TO IPOs AND RETAIL INVESTMENT**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “Examining Private Market Exemptions as a Barrier to IPOs and Retail Investment”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **EXAMINING THE MACROECONOMIC IMPACTS OF A CHANGING CLIMATE**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy held a hearing entitled “Examining the Macroeconomic Impacts of a Changing Climate”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **REVIEWING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S APPROACH TO THE MMIW CRISIS**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States held a hearing entitled “Reviewing the Trump Administration's Approach to the MMIW Crisis”. Testimony was heard from Jeannie Hovland, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services; Charles Addington, Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and John Anderson, U.S. Attorney, District of New Mexico, Department of Justice.

### **THE ADMINISTRATION'S APPARENT REVOCATION OF MEDICAL DEFERRED ACTION FOR CRITICALLY ILL CHILDREN**

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “The Administration's Apparent Revocation of Medical Deferred Action for Critically Ill Children”. Testimony was heard from Timothy Robbins, Acting Executive Associate Director, Enforcement and Removal Operation, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Daniel Renaud, Associate Director, Field Operations Directorate, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy held a markup on H.R. 4091, the “ARPA-E Reauthorization Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4230, the “Clean Industrial Technology Act”. H.R. 4091 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 4230 was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

### **UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT: BARRIERS TO CARE AND BURDENS ON SMALL MEDICAL PRACTICE**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Utilization Management: Barriers to Care and Burdens on Small Medical Practice”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **PRICING AND TECHNOLOGY STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS CONGESTION ON AND FINANCING OF AMERICA'S ROADS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled “Pricing and Technology Strategies to Address Congestion on and Financing of America's Roads”. Testimony was heard from Oliver Gilbert III, Mayor, Miami Gardens, Florida, and Chairman,